

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: New US Patent Application corresponding to  
German Application 100 05 205.3  
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Applicant Poetzsch  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 5, line 1, after "machine of" cancel "claims 2 and 3" and insert --claim 2--.

Please add the following new claim 11.

11. The contour-cutting machine of claim 3

wherein said cutting-element carrier comprises

a pair of first pivot bearings and a pair of second pivot bearings,

said first bearings being connected to said first carriages and said second bearings to

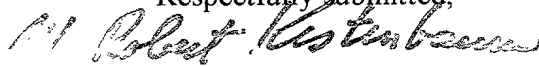
said second carriages.

Remarks

This Preliminary Amendment removes multiple dependencies in the claims.

Please calculate the filing fee according to this Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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